(d) by when UN proposes to pay the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) The exact amount of reimbursement from the UN for troops and equipment contributed by India for various peacekeeping operations is under discussion/negotiation with the UN Headquarters. The UN authorities have so far certified that an amount of US $ 26.06 million is to be paid to the Government of Inida. Additional claims are being processed. The majority of claims relate to India's peace-keeping activities in Somalia (UNOSOM) and pending since 1995. The payment by the UN is released, depending on availability of funds from member States. India has been calling upon Member States in arrears for the UN peace-keeping budget, to pay their contributions in full, on time and without condition so that timely reimbursements can be made to all troop-contributing countries. The Government of India is also pursuing with the UN the question of early settlement of its claims.

White paper on Pakistan's involvement on subversive activities

2347. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release a white paper on Pakistan's involvement on various subversive activities creating grave threat to India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (b) The question of preparing a white paper on Pakistan's involvement in subversive activities in India is under consideration of Government.

Opening of new chapter of ties by Clinton's India visit

2348. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times on 26th February, 2000, captioned as Talbott: Clinton's India visit to open new chapter in ties;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) The US has stated that the purpose of the visit of the US President to India from March 20, 2000 is to pave the way for a qualitatively new relationship. President Clinton stated on 1st February 2000, I'm going because it's the biggest democracy in the world and I think we have not been working with them enough.

(c) Both sides agree that the visit of the US President to India provides an opportunity to strengthen mutual understanding on political and security matters and intensify mutually beneficial co-operation in trade and investment, science and technology, energy and environment, health, education and culture, counter-terrorism and narcotics control.

Preconditions attached to Clinton's visit

2349. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether preceding the US President's visit to New Delhi, Washington has been making unreasonable demands and using it as an instrument of pressure on India;

(b) if so, what pressures have been put up on India and what demands have been made on India, on the eve of US president's visit; and

(c) whether commitment for signing of Non-Proliferation Treaty and CTBT have been set as conditions precedent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) The US President is scheduled to visit India for five days from 20th March 2000. Both sides agree that the objective of the visit of the US President to India is to pave the way for a qualitatively new, broad-based and forward-looking relationship.

(c) The US has conveyed no pre-conditions for the visit of the US President to India.

Status of developing super computer of C-DAC, Pune

2350. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large sum of money has been spent at Center for Development of Advanced Computing C-DAC Pune, for developing super computer; and